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Rev. Samuel May,  
Leicester,  
Mass.







P. S. Tell your dear wife that if she  
will go to Paris, de- I will most gladly do every  
thing in my power to make the visit agreeable  
to all the family, and Mr. Wilson, and Frank.

(Private.)

Roxbury, April 5, 1867.

My Dear Friend:

I duly received your note, in relation to the case of our faithful co-laborer, George Thompson. When I alluded to the desirableness of his returning home to his family, and especially the propriety of his being a representative champion of the colored race at the approaching Anti-Slavery Conference in Paris, I had no thought of taxing your kindness, or Mr. Sewell's, in his behalf. You have had a delicate and laborious task in trying to complete the "Testimonial," as far as practicable; and I should deem it quite an outrage, at least very unreasonable, to ask you to start another subscription, even to facilitate the object I have alluded to. Dear, generous Mr. Sewell, too, is constantly appealed to for donations of one kind and another, and ought to have some rest. My embarrassment about G. T. has been, that those



who have helped the "Testimonial" are principally such as I could have applied to in his case, were it not <sup>that I am</sup> thus precluded from doing so by personal considerations; and, certainly, you ought not to be put to even the slightest trouble about it. At the same time, in view of the recent death of his oldest and only son, and his long absence from his family, it is due to appearances that he should return home this Spring. Nothing but his pecuniary situation has kept him here so long; so that, in fact, he has remained in the U.S. as a matter of necessity rather than of choice. But he would almost sooner die than make his case known even to those who would take a friendly interest in it. From what I can find out, he would gladly go over with me, if he could be relieved of the expense of the trip to and from England - say, \$400. I say from England; because, unless he can find something to do that will afford him the means of livelihood when he gets home, he will have to return next fall, again to enter the lecturing field at the West. If, therefore, enough can be procured to pay his passage



home, I shall feel justified, by various weighty considerations, to pay his passage back to Boston, rather than to leave him behind. Dear Lucretia Mott has raised one hundred dollars for him, and hoped to have raised another hundred, but she has been very ill, and much concern is felt lest it may prove her last sickness. I spoke to Mr. McKim about the matter when I saw him a few weeks ago, and he promised to do what he could; ~~but~~ but nothing has yet come of it, to my knowledge. Nevertheless, I have taken the responsibility of securing a passage for G. T. on board of the Cunard steamship Cuba, which sails from Boston on the 8th of May, and in which I have engaged my own. You know I thought of going over in the Great Eastern, from New York, on the 10th of May; but she has altered her time to the 28th of May, I have concluded to sail from Boston on the 8th — the next Cunarder not leaving Boston till the 22d. Mr. Thompson knows what I have done, and will make his arrangements accordingly, though ignorant of the modus operandi.



I do not know how efficient ~~ly~~  
W. Light would prove in soliciting dona-  
tions; but I believe he is an old canvass-  
er, and therefore ought to be "familiar  
with the ropes." I think, moreover, his es-  
teem for Mr. Thompson would prompt him  
to do his best.

I thank you for sending me the Cir-  
cular of the London New Broad Street Com-  
mittee, relating to the Paris Conference, as I  
had not seen it before. If one was sent to  
me from London, it never came to hand.

As I am officially authorized to  
represent the American Freedmen's Aid  
Commission at Paris, I shall need no  
such paper as you kindly suggest. Should  
Mary Grew go to the Conference, the same ques-  
tion will arise as came up before the World's  
A. S. Conference in London in 1840; but I think  
she would not be excluded.

I spoke to you about Miss Estlin's  
coming to America the present year. Mr.  
McKain writes me that it is now very doubt-  
ful whether she makes the visit. She will not  
come till the fall, any how.  
Your attached friend,  
W. L. G.